JUMP START!

A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN

CYBORG ROGGY

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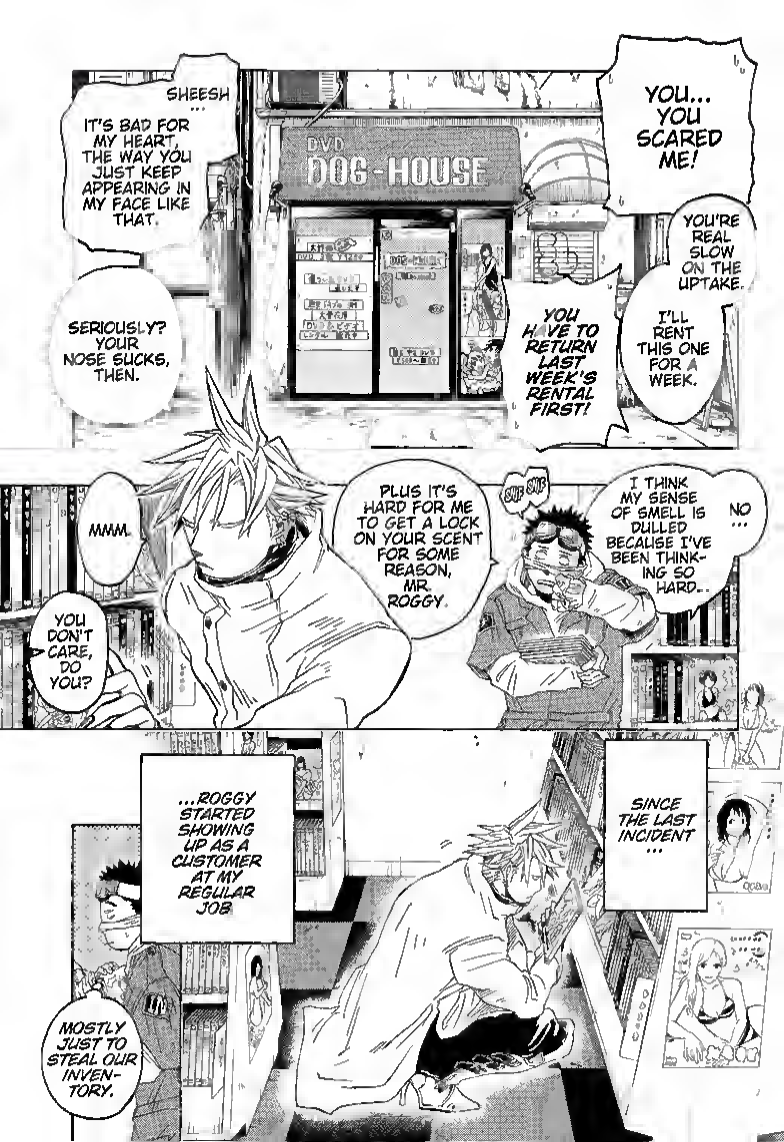
Chapter 2: Tyrant of a Savior

*IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE CHAPTER 1, DOG WAS CALLED INU (MEANING "DOG"). FROM THIS POINT ON, ROGGY LITERALLY CALLS HIM DOG, THE JAPANESE PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION OF THE ENGLISH WORD
EAT UP, IT'S LUNCHTIME.
NOM NOM
YO, DOG.
WOOF!
HUH?
GRRRMMM...
WHA-HA-HA-HAH?!


SHEESH...
IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART, THE WAY YOU JUST KEEP APPEARING IN MY FACE LIKE THAT.
SERIOUSLY? YOUR NOSE SUCKS, THEN.
DVD
DOG-HOUSE
YOU... YOU SCARED ME!
YOU'RE REAL SLOW ON THE UPTAKE.
I'LL RENT THIS ONE FOR A WEEK.
YOU HAVE TO RETURN LAST WEEK'S RENTAL FIRST!
MMM.
YOU DON'T CARE, DO YOU?
PLUS IT'S HARD FOR ME TO GET A LOCK ON YOUR SCENT FOR SOME REASON, MR. ROGGY.
SNIF SNIF
I THINK MY SENSE OF SMELL IS DULLED BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THINKING SO HARD...
NO...
...ROGGY STARTED SHOWING UP AS A CUSTOMER AT MY REGULAR JOB
SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT...
MOSTLY JUST TO STEAL OUR INVENTORY.

...
WELCOME TO...
VMMM...
DING
DING
...
YOU KNOW WE DON'T CARRY A LOT OF ANIME, RIGHT?
DSHH
WHAT?
YOU'RE THE CLEANER, AREN'T YOU?!
JAB!
I SAW YOU OUTSIDE AND FOLLOWED YOU HERE!
I KNEW IT WAS YOU BECAUSE I HEARD YOUR DESCRIP-TION!

YOU'RE THE GUY WITH BLEACHED HAIR, HIGH HEELS AND BEADY EYES--
WHAP
OKAY, I GET THE FIRST TWO, BUT THE JAB AT MY EYES? NOT COOL. WHY DOES THAT HAVE TO BE MY THIRD FEATURE?!
WHO GAVE YOU THAT DESCRIPTION? I'M GONNA KILL HIM!
C'MON, HE'S JUST A KID...
GRK
GRK
GRK
AND THAT'S OUR MERCHANDISE!
OWWWWW!!
YOU'RE A "CLEANER"?
IS THAT THE TITLE YOU'VE BEEN USING TO DO YOUR JOBS?
THAT'S JUST WHAT PEOPLE ARE CALLING ME.
IT'S LAME, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN IT MYSELF...
.. BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE A CATCHY TITLE OR ELSE PEOPLE WON'T HIRE YOU.
THEN AGAIN, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO COME ARE LITTLE KIDS...
You okay?
MAYBE I SHOULD THINK OF A BETTER NAME.
I--
I WANT YOU TO FIND SOMEONE FOR ME!

LISTEN UP, KID.
I AIN'T SOME KIND OF ODD-JOBS MAN.
I ONLY TAKE REQUESTS THAT DEAL WITH AUGS.
BUT ...
BUT THERE ARE EVIL AUGS ALL OVER THE PLACE!
MAYBE BIG SIS GOT KIDNAPPED BY THOSE GUYS!
"BIG SIS"? HOW OLD IS SHE?
ぱっ
GRIN
SHE'S...
...
HUH?
?
UH, WHOA THERE ...

ZEC
Club GOLDEN BOY
Accepted
BIG SIS LIVES ALONE AND IS STUDYING TO BE A DOCTOR...
...AND SHE SENDS ME MONEY TO LIVE. BUT I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HER ANYMORE.

BABE DOCTOR.
IS SHE AROUND HERE?!
SNIF
SNIF
PROB-ABLY... BUT...
I'D GIVE UP IF I WERE YOU.
WHY?!
WHADDYA CALL 'EM, AUG-JUNKIES?
THIS IS A HANGOUT FOR THE YOUNG CROWD WITH TOO MUCH MONEY WHO GET AUGMENTED FOR FUN. REMEMBER THAT MURDER OUTSIDE THE STATION?
MAYBE THOSE GUYS WERE RESPONSIBLE...
YEAH. THERE'S A VIP ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
SNIF
SNIF
ZRRDD...
AT LEAST TEN OF THEM IN THERE...

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DRAGGED THERE! YOU GOTTA SAVE HER!
SAGE
BIG SIS WOULD NEVER VISIT A PLACE LIKE THAT!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, LITTLE GUY.
EVER SINCE DAD AND MOM DIED...
...SHE'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME
SO I PROMISED THAT I'D TAKE CARE OF HER NOW!
LET'S GO SAVE HER!
LOOK, FIRST OF ALL, KID...
...HOW WILL WE GET INTO THE VIP ROOM?
PLUS, I'M ONLY A TRACKER.
SHWAP!
YOU GOTTA ASK THIS GUY FOR THE REST!

WHERE'S THE BABE DOCTOR?
WHAT?!
Doctor men

HUH?
THUMP
THUMP
HOW THE HELL DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
THUMP
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE YOU ARE?!

DOOOM!!!
SHTUP!
SPLISH
WHAM
!!

CLK
WHUH ...?
DRIP
DRIP
...
W-WHOA ..
SHE'S EVEN MORE OF A BABE DOCTOR THAN I THOUGHT!
WHO... ARE YOU...?

UM...
YES?
ER, I MEAN, I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU.
HUH?
FIDGET FIDGET
CAN YOU PLEASE EXAMINE ME?
YOU NEED TO LEAVE.
BUT DID I EVER ASK TO BE SAVED?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
CRAP... THINK I'M GONNA CRY.
I'VE NEVER HAD A GIRL SAY "LEAVE" AND ACT LIKE I WAS BOTHERING HER BEFORE
WHAT ...?

PLEASE LEAVE.
I'M HERE OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
CRIKK
YEAH.
ZRRRBB
CUZ OF YOUR SNEAK ATTACK, IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO GET GOOD AND LIQUIDIZED.
DON'T JUST BARGE IN AND TAKE OUR AUGMENTER AWAY, OKAY?
And not to please this time
She did it again

WE SWITCH UP PARTS EVERY WEEK AND TEST OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS ON THE WEEKEND.
WE FIGURED IT WAS ABOUT TIME WE GOT OUR OWN AUGMENTATION DOCTOR.
I LIKE THAT *WORK* YOU'VE HAD DONE, PAL. WHERE'D YOU BUY IT? IS IT NEW?
I SHOULD GET IN ON THAT... *HA HA*, WHATEVER.
ISN'T THAT COOL? ISN'T IT TOUCHING?! SHE WORKS FOR HER FAMILY!
THAT'S THE FIRST PERSON I'VE SEEN DOING THAT OUTSIDE OF TV SHOWS!
SO...
IT WAS SUCH A TRIP, MAN... ND SHE'S HOT TOO, SO I DECIDED TO PAY DOUBLE!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT HER BROTHER? I HEAR HE'S REAL SICK, YEAH?
THE KIND THAT COSTS A WHOLE LOTTA MONEY TO GET TREATED.

YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THAT?
NOPE.
I MEAN, THAT'S HER CONTRACT, RIGHT?
PROB-LEM IS..
..I'VE GOT MY OWN CLIENT'S NEEDS TO CONSIDER.

HUH?
IS THAT LITTLE DUDE YOUR BROTH-ER?!
HA HA! LITTLE TYKE SEEMS JUST FINE IF HE'S COMING ALL THIS WAY FOR YOU!
YUKIRO?! HOW...?
IS HE TELLING THE TRUTH...?
GO ON HOME, YUKIRO.
BIG SIS IS WORKING NOW.
I PROMISED I'D PROTECT YOU WHEN THINGS ARE HARD FOR YOU!
I...
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T CALL YOU...
DON'T WOR-RY ABOUT IT!
NO, THIS WAS MY DECISION!
ARE YOU DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO?
DASH
FOR MONEY?

...
I'LL BE HOME SOON...
IT'S NOT PAINFUL FOR YOU?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID.
REALLY ?!

REALLY, REALLY ?!
YOU'RE SURE THEY'RE NOT TREATING YOU BADLY?!
YOU'RE SURE...?
GO HOME, YUKIRO!

AND WHAT?!
MR. ROGGY.
ROGGY!
SAVE MY BIG SIS!
OKAY, KID.

WHA...
WAIT!
...
?!
DADADAD..DA.. DADOOM
YOU GET ON MY NERVES !!
GWUH!
PAAM
ZSHH
!
WHAT, YOU GONNA KICK ME AGAIN? PUNCH ME?
BORP
IT'S POINTLESS, MAN...
OH, I JUST HAVE ONE THING TO SAY FOR MYSELF.

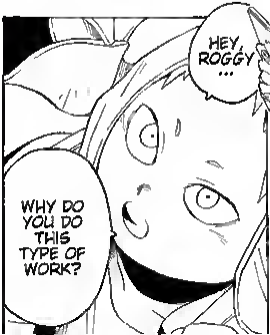
YEP.
Heh heh

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS ALL YOU WANT IN RETURN?
...

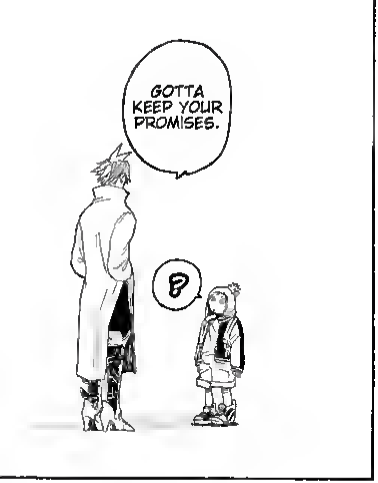
HE WON'T ABUSE IT... I THINK.
UM, DON'T READ TOO MUCH INTO IT.
...
OO-HOO-HOO! I GOT HER NUMBER! WOO-HOO!
BOING
BOING

PLING

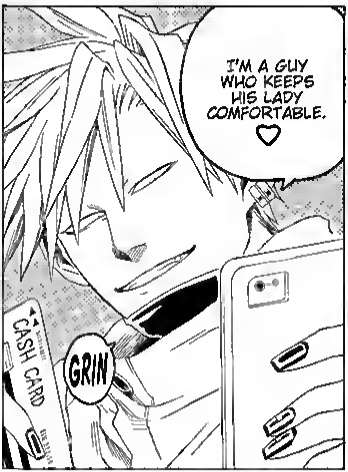
MISTER.
STOMP
Huh


HEY, ROGGY ...
WHY DO YOU DO THIS TYPE OF WORK?

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, ROGGY!



THANK YOU, ROGGY!



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